

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the Abstract and add the new Abstract attached hereto.

Please amend the specification further, as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the Title, insert the following heading and paragraph as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a national phase application based on PCT/IB2003/002239, filed June 12 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8, and ending at page 8, line 13, as follows:

The selector means 15 ~~comprise~~ comprises at least one hydrophilic membrane 16 having one side 16a facing the first outlet 13 and one side 16b facing the inlet 12 for receiving the fluid and transferring only liquid towards the first outlet; the selector means 15 also ~~comprise~~ comprises at least on hydrophobic membrane 17 having one side 17a facing the second outlet 14 and one side 17b facing the inlet aperture 12 to receive the fluid and transfer only gas towards the second outlet 14.